NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Arkansas Department of Human Services Administrative Procedures Manual

Pursuant to U.S. Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981, Ark. Code Ann. Sec. 25-10-101 et seq., Act 218 of 1983, and Act 348 of 1985, the Chief Fiscal and Administrative Officer, Department of Human Services (DHS), is proposing a revision to Chapter 605, DHS Purchasing Authority, Construction/Renovation, of the DHS Administrative Procedures Manual.

The proposed revision provides that All Method of Finance (MOF) funded projects regardless of cost are to be coordinated through the Office of Finance and Administration Central Support Unit (CSU). In addition to assisting divisions under ABA Standards and Criteria in the selection of the Architectural or Engineering firm to produce the required plans and specifications in Construction Institute Language, CSU will now create the Requests for Quote. In its coordination with ABA to procure and develop all new professional services contracts, CSU does so under ABA Standards and Criteria and the Office of State Procurement Law and Regulations.

Chapter 605 will be effective June 15, 2009.

Copies of the rule may be obtained by writing to the Office of Finance and Administration, P.O. Box 1437, Slot WG3, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437, Attention: Policy and Administrative Program Management. All comments about the proposed revision must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date appearing below or 30 days following the date of the newspaper notice, whichever is the longer period.

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